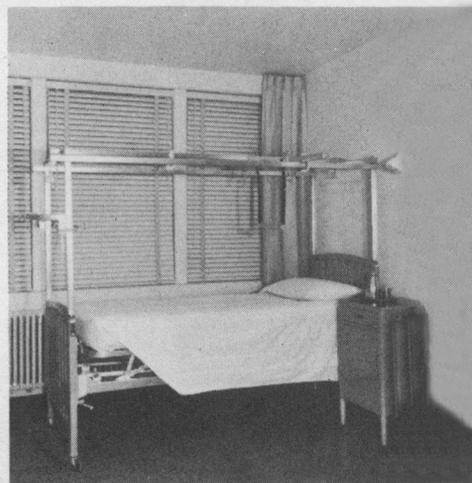
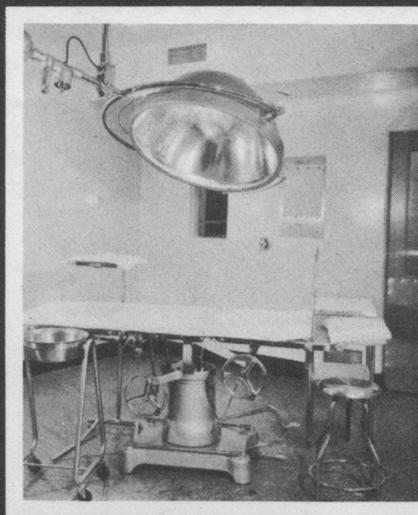
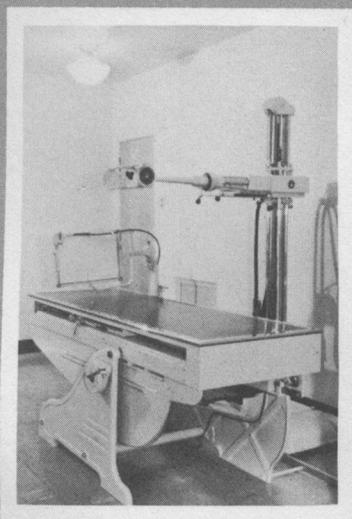


*Klickitat*  
*Valley*  
*General*  
*Hospital*

Goldendale, Washington



see overleaf

## frontispiece . . .

Klickitat Valley General Hospital (center) was opened in December 1949 at Goldendale, Wash. For adequate hospital care before then, patients crossed the Columbia River—on an unscheduled ferry—to The Dalles in Oregon or traveled to Yakima, 81 miles away. The community had no physician.

The new 23-bed hospital is the first hospital completed in Washington State under the Hospital Survey and Construction Act (Hill-Burton program). Shown here are some of its well-equipped facilities.

A darkroom is adjacent to the X-ray room (lower left). The surgery (lower right) and obstetrical room share a high-powered, explosion-proof ventilating system to carry off anesthetic gases. The cheerful furnishings in each patient room (lower center) and the reception room (upper right) were do-



*Goldendale's only hospital was this rented frame residence until 1949.*

nated by Goldendale citizens. The new plant has almost a quarter of an acre of floor space.

Since the completion of its modern hospital, two young general practitioners have moved to Goldendale. Specialists in orthopedic surgery, gynecology, and radiology now come regularly from Yakima, The Dalles, and Portland, Oreg. The hospital cooperates with the local health department in sponsoring chest clinics.

Immediate financial success has accompanied the improved hospital service. The first year of operation showed a net gain of \$1,516. Admissions for 1952 totaled 1,042 as contrasted with the 700 patients admitted during the last year of operation for the old hospital.

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